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For: SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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OF THE SAME, AND APPARATUS FOR ISSUING CERTIFICATE

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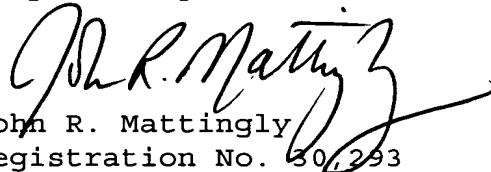
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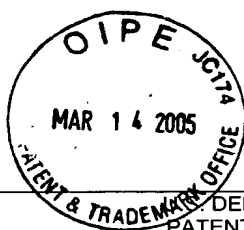
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